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EXCISE

O P 200725Z FEB 79
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2306
INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR.
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PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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PARIS ALSO FOR OECD

WE. O. 12065: GDS 2-20-85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M
TAGS: PEPR, OECD
SUBJECT: (C) DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: BRIEFING GIVEN TO
AMBASSADORS

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. ON FEBRUARY 19, CHARGE GAVE 90 MINUTE BRIEFING AT THE
EMBASSY TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE [REDACTED] EMBASSIES
HERE. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE FILING THEIR REPORTS TO THEIR
FOREIGN MINISTRIES TODAY. TO ME, THE MOST NOTEWORTHY
OBSERVATIONS TO COME OUT OF THE MEETING WERE THE AMBASSADORS'
GENERAL VIEW (SHARED BY US AND REPORTED ALREADY TO THE DEPARTMENT)
THAT THE LEVEL OF OFFICIAL AFGHAN GOVERNMENT ATTENDANCE AT
THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AND AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY WAS NOT
APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION AND ALMOST INSULTING. AND THAT THE
PRIME MOTIVE FOR THE DRA DECISION TO STORM THE ROOM WITHOUT
FURTHER DELAY WAS PROBABLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CRUSHING
DOMESTIC OPPOSITION AND NOT TO SAVE THE AMBASSADOR'S LIFE.

3. RE THE LEVEL OF DRA REPRESENTATION AT THE TWO CEREMONIES,
THE [REDACTED] COUNTRY REPS SHARED OUR VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT
DELIBERATELY INTENDED TO GIVE US AND THE AFGHAN PUBLIC AN
APOLITICAL SIARAL. IT WAS NOT LOST ON THE [REDACTED] COUNTRY REPS
THAT THE MINISTER (BAREQ SHAFIEE, CULTURE AND INFORMATION),
SENT TO THE AIRPORT TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT (AND
LATER TO THE EMBASSY TO SIGN THE CONDOLENCE BOOK), WAS AN EX-
PELLED MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU AND ONE OF THE LOWEST RANKING
MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT HAD THE SOVIET,
CUBAN OR SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR BEEN ASSASSINATED,
THE ENTIRE TOP LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT.

AMSTUTZ.

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